

**Timber Lakes Water Special Service District
Wasatch County Offices
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435-654-0125
July 18, 2017
Board Meeting Minutes**

Chairperson: Neil Anderton

Board Attendees: Neil Anderton (2019), Reg Anderson (2016), Ralph Lewis (2016), Mike Wheelwright (2016), Steve Farrell (County Rep.), David Hansen - (2017), John Blickenstaff (alternate).

Other Attendees:

Jody Defa, Timber Lakes Water System Manager, Craig Hall, Timber Lakes Water Office Manager, Jared Moss -Legal Counsel

Kathy Wheelwright, Bonnie Huetter, Gordon Huetter, Jennifer Blickenstaff and Kirk Sulser.

Meeting called to order at 6:02 pm.

Prayer/Remark:

Michael Wheelwright offered a prayer.

Old Business:

The Wasatch County Council appointed Doug Spenst to the Timber Lakes Water SSD Board. The County Council usually sends a letter to notify applicants of appointment, but to be sure our board needs to follow up with Doug.

The Timber Lakes fire hydrants are tagged with location, flow and pressure information. Jody will meet with the Fire Marshall, Ernie Giles, to make sure his people are trained sufficiently to get maximum flow out of all the Timber Lakes Hydrants.

Property Owners Association

Bonnie Huetter thanked Jody Defa for the article that he submitted for the newsletter.

June Minutes:

John Blickenstaff submitted revisions to the minutes [and the Board also agreed to](#). Also add the motions for the RFP [and correct](#). Add additional attendees. **John Blickenstaff made the motion to accept the minutes as corrected, Mike Wheelwright seconded, David Hansen and Reg Anderson abstained, the motion passed.**

Warrant List:

The last warrant list ended with check number 12784; the July warrant list begins with check number 12785 and ends with check number 12829. David asked about the check to Franson Engineering. Jody explained that the check was a partial contract payment for the upper tank water line design. Particularly, the options to go through the swamp, around the swamp or pull a new line inside the existing water line. John asked if we had paid the UASSD membership fee. Jody mailed the payment via credit card to LeGrand Bitter, but the credit card has not been charged. David and all board members reviewed warrant list and credit card charges. The August check register will start at check number 12830. **Steve Farrell made the motion to accept the warrants, John Blickenstaff seconded, the motion passed unanimously.**

Motion to Retire the 1998 Bond

The board ratified the decision to retire the 1998 Revenue Bond. **The motion was made by John Blickenstaff, seconded by Steve Farrell. Motion passed unanimously.**

Retirement Contribution

The motion to approve the annual retirement resolution was presented and approved. **Motion to approve by David Hansen. Seconded by Mike Wheelwright. Motion passed unanimously.**

Water Report:

Jody Defa stated that most of what he had already been discussed. The 1998 bond is paid off. The bond retirement should free up \$ 9,000-\$10,000 per month. Staff installed several meters this month. There has been more sampling this month because of a coliform positive sample. Water lines have been chlorinated and flushed and the water tests are good again. We received a thank you note from a customer for cleaning up around a fire hydrant that was disturbed during last winter's snow removal activities.

Venue for the Social:

Soldier Hollow is a possibility for the Christmas Social, or the restaurant that recently opened on 4th south and Main Street. Jared Moss will check on these and report next month so we can make a decision. To accommodate the party, the board meeting changed the meeting to the 12th of December rather than the 19th.

Old Business

Bonnie Huetter asked if the 1998 bond retirement off would reduce water rates. Neil Anderton explained that we would have to do a rate study before any decisions are made.

Public:

Kirk Sulser asked if the board intended to fulfill their previous commitment to increase employee wages when the 1998 Reserve Bond retired. He mentioned that Jordanelle SSD, Wasatch County Public Works, Heber City Corporation and Park City Water system workers appear to pay higher wages than Timber Lakes. This is documented on the Transparent Utah web site. He said This this does not seem fair because District staff have much more responsibility than the common worker employees in other similar places. For example, our crews do many projects that other places outsource and most larger places are less hands on. In short, He stated our employees are loyal, wages in surrounding Districts are higher and their employees have less responsibility. This and this does not make sense. He mentioned we need are comparable wages to Jordanelle because we have the same certifications, do more and are paid less. Further, The the District employees have been loyal and deserve to be compensated accordingly, or the District may lose staff to surrounding entities. He said Our our employees can be compared to Jordanelle because one former Timber Lakes trained employee now works for Jordanelle. Kirk asked how come why we cannot be compared to Jordanelle when our employees are qualified to work at Jordanelle and could do so if there is a job opening.

As our Rates rates are too high, so the board is hesitant to give increases without further study. Jody was instructed to have Matt Millis do the rate analysis with wage comparison comparisons to examine whether wage increases are justified.

David Hansen stated that the rates are higher due to the lack of infrastructure that Veigh Cummings left for us.

Neil Anderton stated that if there is nothing else and there are no objections, then we will go into executive session at 7:52pm. David made the motion to go into executive session Reg seconded, motion passed unanimously.

Mike made the motion to come out of executive session, David seconded the motion, motion passed unanimously

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Reg made a motion to hire Zions Securities Public Finance, Inc. to do the rate study for the District, and to have Jared and Craig start assessment related foreclosures on customers who owe more than \$800 and are not current in their payment plan. David seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.